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**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES RETRIAL OF
UMER HAYAT FOR PROVIDING FALSE STATEMENTS TO THE FBI**

**Umer Hayat Is Charged With Lying About His Son's Jihadist Training and Knowledge of
Pakistani Terrorist Training Camps**

SACRAMENTO—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today his office's decision to retry Lodi resident, UMER HAYAT, for providing false statements during a terrorism investigation in June 2005 concerning his son HAMID HAYAT's attendance at a terrorist training camp in Pakistan. UMER HAYAT's jury trial deadlocked on April 25, 2006, in a 7-5 vote for conviction on Count 1 and a 6-6 vote on Count 2. That same day, a separate jury convicted HAMID HAYAT on all counts, including one count of providing material support to terrorists, and three counts of providing false statements to the FBI.

According to Assistant United States Attorney S. Robert Tice-Raskin and Laura L. Ferris, who are prosecuting the case, the government's request for a new trial date against UMER HAYAT will be made at a status conference before United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr. scheduled for today at 10:30 a.m. PDT.

Stated United States Attorney Scott, "In the post-9/11 environment in which we live, lying to the FBI in the course of a terrorism investigation is serious misconduct. False information may result in agents losing valuable time to foil a deadly plot, or perhaps bringing the wrong person or persons under suspicion. Seven citizens serving as jurors in the Umer Hayat trial found beyond a reasonable doubt that he had lied to the FBI about his son's attendance at a terrorist training camp. As the law permits after a mistrial, we believe it warranted bringing this case before a new jury to have Umer Hayat held accountable."

According to the First Superseding Indictment filed on September 22, 2005, UMER HAYAT was charged with lying to the FBI on June 4, 2005 when he falsely denied that he had first hand knowledge of terrorist training camps in Pakistan and that his son had attended a jihadist training camp in Pakistan.

After his son HAMID HAYAT made a series of confessions concerning his attendance at a terrorist training camp, UMER HAYAT was interviewed again by the FBI. After being confronted with a small portion of his son's videotaped interview, UMER HAYAT admitted, during a videotaped interview, among other things, that:

- HAMID HAYAT attended a terrorist training camp in Pakistan in 2003-04.
- UMER HAYAT paid for HAMID's flight, knowing that HAMID's intention was to attend a jihadi training camp.
- The madrassah HAMID HAYAT attended was operated by HAMID HAYAT's grandfather (the father-in-law to UMER HAYAT). The father-in-law sends the students from this madrassah to jihadi training camps in Pakistan.
- After completing his education at the madrassah, HAMID HAYAT went to a training camp near Rawalpindi, Pakistan. HAMID HAYAT was at the training camp for 6 months.
- Because of his family connections, UMER HAYAT was invited to observe more than four operational training camps. He was assigned a driver who drove him from camp to camp. While visiting these training camps, he observed weapons and urban warfare training (including target practice utilizing pictures of President Bush and Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld), physical training, and classroom education.

This case is the product of an extensive/joint investigation by the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) which is comprised of federal, state, and local law enforcement.

The maximum penalty for the charges against defendant UMER HAYAT is 16 years in prison. The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

UMER HAYAT was released on bail on May 1, 2006 and is currently out of custody.

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